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MEMORANDUM

TO: Assistant Secretary - George Moose  
FROM: AF/C Director - Arlene Render *AR*  
THRU: DAS - Ed Brynn  
SUBJECT: Humanitarian Situation in Rwanda

Per our discussion, please find attached a description of the current humanitarian situation in Rwanda and the U.S. response.

The various offices concerned by the Rwandan humanitarian situation (RP, AID/FFP, AID/OFDA, AID/AFR, and AF/C) will meet weekly, on Friday afternoons, to compare notes and review the situation.

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## RWANDA: HUMANITARIAN SITUATION

- A humanitarian crisis is looming in Rwanda.
- Before the current massacres and resumption of fighting, there were:
  - o 360,000 war-displaced in northern Rwanda
  - o 362,000 Burundi refugees in southern Rwanda
  - o 12,500 returning Rwandan refugees from Uganda in the RPF zone
  - o 540,000 drought affected in demilitarized zone
  - o an undetermined number of drought victims in the south
- The recent massacres and renewed fighting in Rwanda has sparked new outflows of refugees from Rwanda. UNHCR reports the following preliminary figures:
  - o To Tanzania: 5,000 Hutus to northwest  
800 Tutsis to bordercrossing area  
with more believed en route
  - o To Zaire: 12,000 to North Kivu
  - o To Burundi: 8-10,000 Rwandans  
7,000 returning Burundi
- An estimated 400,000 persons are newly displaced inside Rwanda.
- ICRC, with the help of the Rwandan Red Cross, provided food and non-food assistance to the war-displaced in camps and in the RPF zone. UNHCR, with the assistance of numerous non-governmental organizations, provided aid to the refugees and the returning Rwandan refugees.
- With the departure of staff of all United Nations agencies and non-governmental organizations, as well as attacks on Rwandan Red Cross workers, the assistance infrastructure is all but destroyed.
- The United Nations Department of Humanitarian Assistance (DHA) is setting up shop in Nairobi. An assessment mission will travel to Kigali as soon as security permits.
- The United States is seeking \$15 million from the President's Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance account for the refugee emergency in the region.
- AID has committed \$7 million for ICRC and Catholic Relief Services for food for displaced. Another \$2.5 million is on request. This will nearly cover the gap and assure supplies til the end of the year.
- The World Food Program (WFP) has enough food in its pipeline (46,000 MT) to cover about 1.2 million people for 2 months.
- AID is exploring other mechanisms that would provide funding for assistance to the Rwandan humanitarian emergency.

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